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This report contains the results from the **2018 March Agricultural Survey**. These data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/la> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

Corn Acreage Down 10 Percent From 2017

Cotton Acreage Down 18 Percent From Last Year

All Rice Acreage Up 3 Percent From A Year Ago

Louisiana **corn** producers intend to plant 450,000 acres, down 10 percent from the 500,000 acres planted in 2017.

All cotton acreage intentions are at 180,000 acres, down 18 percent from the 220,000 acres planted last year.

All hay acres expected to be harvested in Louisiana are estimated at 390,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from 2017.

All rice intended planted acres for 2018 are 410,000 acres, up 3 percent from the 400,000 acres planted in 2017. Long grain rice acres are up 10,000 acres from last year, while medium grain acres are unchanged from a year ago.

Sorghum producers intend to plant 10,000 acres, down 33 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest planted acres since 1962, when the state also planted 10,000 acres.

Soybeans producers intend to plant 1.32 million acres in 2018, up 4 percent from last year.

The first **sugarcane** harvested acreage estimate for 2018 will be available on June 29, 2018.

Sweet potato producers intend to plant 10,000 acres, unchanged from last year.

All wheat acreage in Louisiana is down 25 percent from last year to an estimated 15,000 acres planted for all purposes in 2018. If realized, this will be the lowest planted acres on record since the series began in 1955.

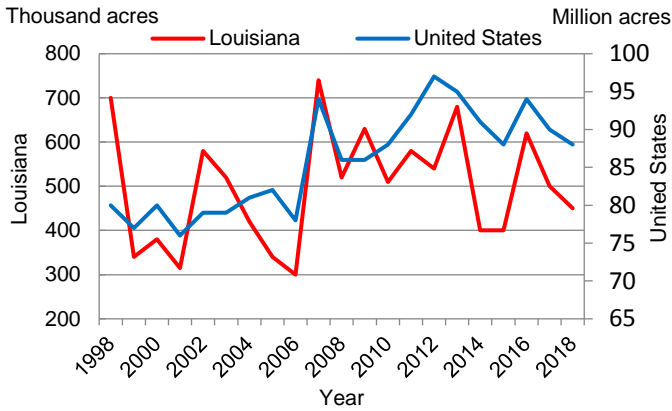
Principal Crops: Area Planted - Louisiana and United States: 2017 and 2018

Crop	Louisiana			United States		
	2017	2018 ¹	Percent of previous year	2017	2018 ¹	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Corn	500.0	450.0	90	90,167.0	88,026.0	98
Cotton, all	220.0	180.0	82	12,611.5	13,469.0	107
Hay, all ²	370.0	390.0	105	53,784.0	53,726.0	100
Rice, all	400.0	410.0	103	2,463.0	2,690.0	109
Long Grain	370.0	380.0	103	1,811.0	2,030.0	112
Medium Grain	30.0	30.0	100	613.0	609.0	99
Sorghum	15.0	10.0	67	5,626.0	5,932.0	105
Soybeans	1,270.0	1,320.0	104	90,142.0	88,982.0	99
Sweet Potatoes	10.0	10.0	100	161.6	158.5	98
Wheat, all	20.0	15.0	75	46,012.0	47,339.0	103

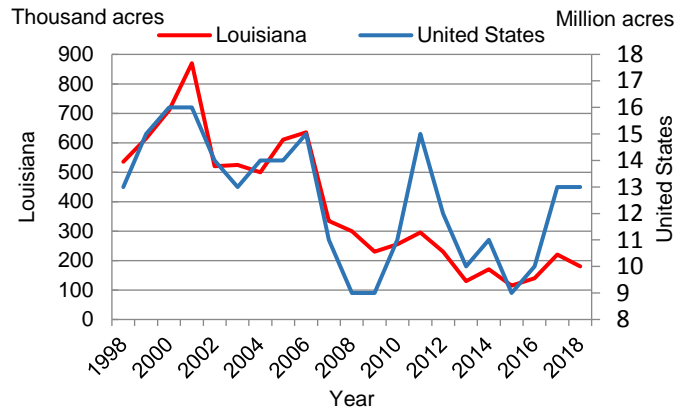
¹ Intended plantings in 2018 as indicated by reports from producers.

² Intended area for harvest in 2018 as indicated by reports from producers.

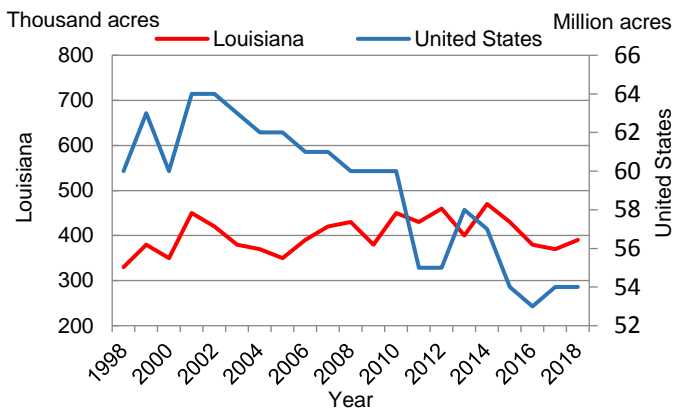
Corn: Area Planted - Louisiana and United States: 1998 - 2018



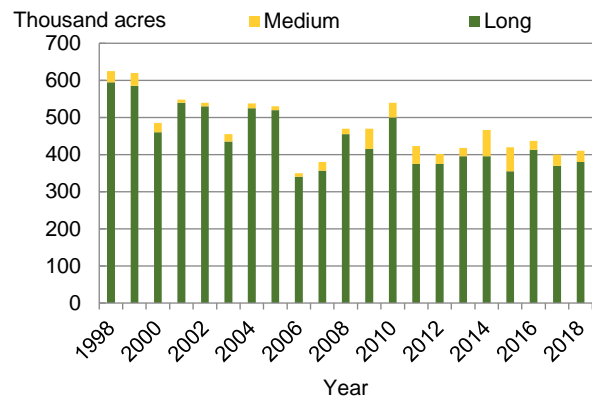
All Cotton: Area Planted - Louisiana and United States: 1998 - 2018



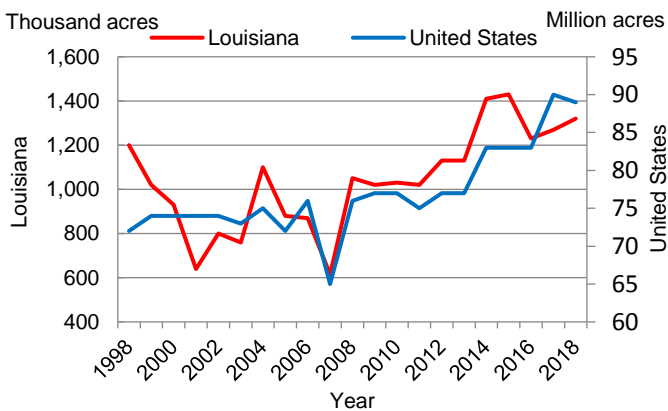
All Hay: Area Harvested - Louisiana and United States: 1998 - 2018



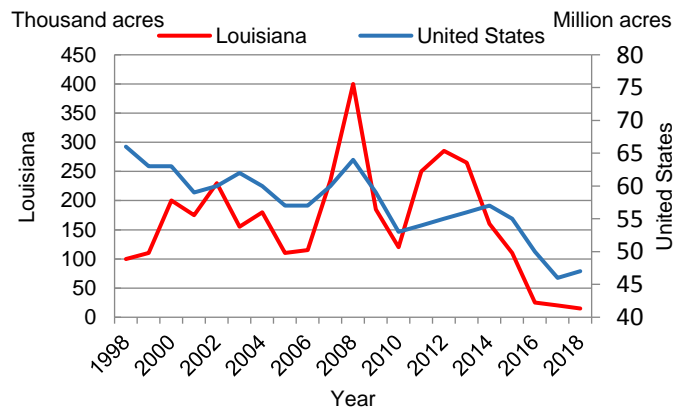
Rice: Area Planted - Louisiana 1998 - 2018



Soybeans: Area Planted - Louisiana and United States: 1998 - 2018



All Wheat: Area Planted - Louisiana and United States: 1998 - 2018



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